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REMARKS

The above amendments are made in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312, and inasmuch that such amendments do not affect the scope of the claimed invention, entry is requested and proper.

Claims 1-5 and 11-18 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

New claim 18 is added to depend from allowed claim 1 to define more clearly the features of the invention disclosed in the specification, for example, at page 4, lines 4-6.

No new matter is added.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 714.16(a), Applicant submits that the amendment is needed for proper protection of the subject matter of the invention, for example, as disclosed in the original specification at page 4, lines 4-6.

Applicant submits that new claim 18 depends from allowed claim 1, and thus, entry of this Amendment is believed proper because it does not raise any new issues requiring further search or consideration by the Examiner (e.g., see M.P.E.P. § 714.16(a)).

Applicant also notes that the subject matter of new dependent claim 18 is somewhat similar to the subject matter of allowed dependent claim 12, which was considered and allowed by the Examiner during prosecution of the present application. Thus, entry of this Amendment is believed proper because it does not raise any new issues requiring further search or consideration by the Examiner.

Applicant submits that new dependent claim 18 is patentable by virtue of its dependency from allowed claim 1, as well as for somewhat similar reasons as allowed dependent claim 12.

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It is noted that the Issue Fee is to be paid on or about February 6, 2006, and thus expeditious consideration and prompt entry of this Amendment is requested.

No fees are believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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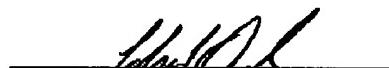

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I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (571) 273-8300 the enclosed After-Allowance Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to Examiner Frederick F. Rosenberger, Art Unit 2884, on January 18, 2006.


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